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**THE
CHAPEL**



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC MASS

Sunday, Chapel 8:00 a.m.
Each week day except Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Confessions — Saturday (Also before
each Mass) 7:00 p.m.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday School, Chapel 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, Chapel 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Vespers, Chapel 7:30 p.m.
Morning Worship,

Recreation Room, Old Hospital 8:45 a.m.
Evening Worship, Recreation Room,
Old Hospital 8:45 p.m.
Wednesday Vespers, Chapel 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study Class,
Chapel, Wednesday 8:15 p.m.
Recreation Room, Old Hospital,
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

Religious services are also held every Sunday morning at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School, in the Assembly Hall, 11:00 A.M.

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

Every Bible reader has some Psalm that is his favorite. A few years ago in a mid-week service I asked the question, "What is your favorite Psalm?" The answers that came were quite interesting, and the largest percent of them gave the Twenty-Third Psalm.

One reason this Psalm is a favorite with many people is because it is so well known. We have known it from childhood days. Another reason that it is a favorite is because of the fact it so beautifully pictures the relationship of the individual to Jesus Christ.

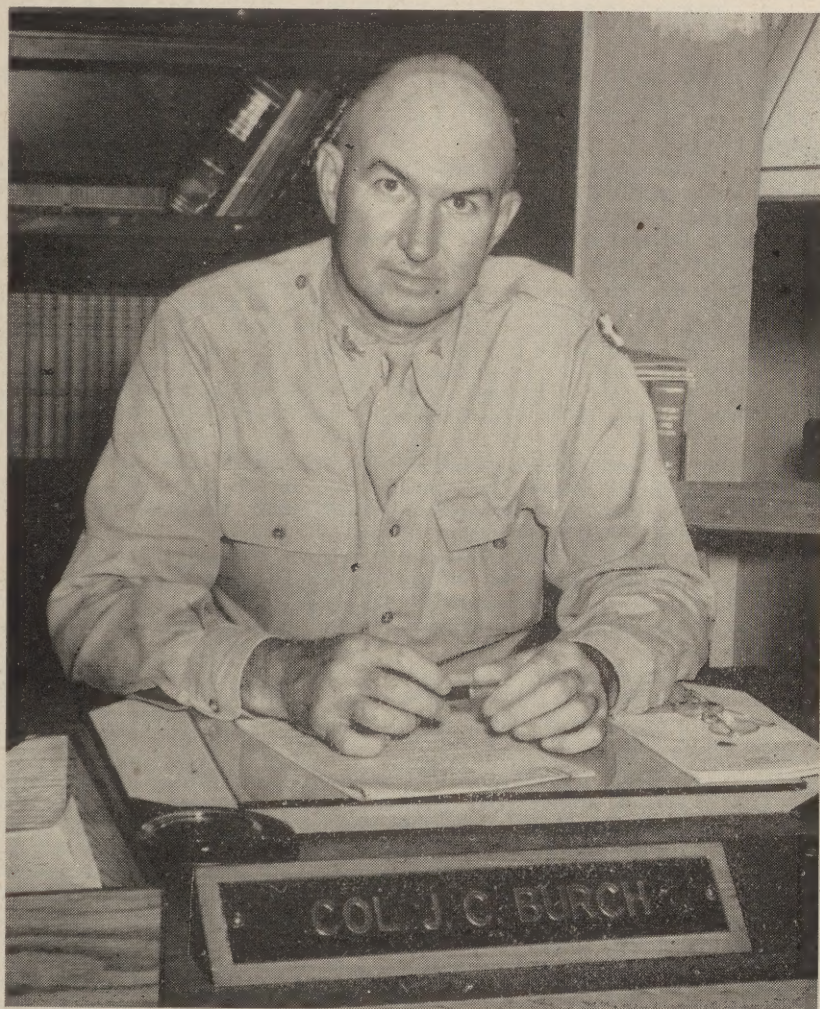
The Psalmist David tells us of the leadership, the supervision and the protection of the Shepherd over His sheep. He causes them to lie down in the green pastures and He leads them by the still waters. He makes the similarity here to apply to the Lord leading His people, and even though the Psalm was written several hundred years before Christ came, it depicts the relationship of a Christian to Jesus Christ.

You will recall that the Master said, "I am the Good Shepherd." No doubt He had this Psalm in mind when He made that statement. He also said, "I lead My sheep." We know from the story of the Ninety and Nine that as a shepherd cares for the lost sheep so our Master cares for any who may wander from the fold.

This Psalm perhaps gives more assurance and comfort to people in distress than any one scripture of the Old Testament. It matters not how heavy one's life may be; if Christ leads him, he can easily walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death without fear and he truly recognizes the rod and the staff of the Great Shepherd.

He also has in mind God's ever presence and the fact that Jesus not only leads but He places behind the individual, security in the form of His goodness and mercy. This Psalm also gives to us the deep desire of the loyal child of God to live in the presence of the Lord forever.

OLLIE G. MATTHEWS
CHAPLAIN AT BGE



—Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps.

Colonel John C. Burch

**CHIEF OF SURGICAL SERVICE
BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL**

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The SURGICAL SERVICE

BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL



CHIEF of the Surgical Service at Brooke General Hospital is Colonel John C. Burch, MC, A.U.S.

Colonel Burch was born 21 July, 1900 in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Lucius E. and Sarah P. Burch. He was educated at Vanderbilt University, graduating with his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1923.

Colonel Burch served his internships at the Free Hospital for Women, Brookline, Massachusetts and at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He received post-graduate instruction for one year in Europe as a Travelling Fellow Rockefeller Foundation in 1928.

In civilian life, Colonel Burch practiced in Nashville, Tennessee from 1924 until August 1942, specializing in General Surgery and Gynecology. Prior to his entry on active duty in the Army he was Professor of Gynecology at Vanderbilt. He is Visiting Surgeon at St. Thomas Hospital and Visiting Gynecologist at Vanderbilt University, both at Nashville.

During World War I, Colonel Burch enlisted in the United States Army and was commissioned in the Reserve Corps as a Second Lieutenant, after completing the Infantry Officers' Training School at Camp Gordon, Georgia in February 1919.

On the 24th of August 1942, Colonel Burch received his commission as Lt. Colonel, Medical Corps, in the Army of the United States and reported for active duty at Brooke General Hospital on 26 August 1942. He was assigned as Chief of the Surgical Service on 1 September, 1942.

Colonel Burch is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, a Member of the American Surgical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a Member of the Southern Surgical Association.

Under the Surgical Service are the following Sections: Anesthesia; Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat; General Surgery, Neurosurgery, Obstetrical; Gynecology; Officers; Orthopedic; Septic Surgery; Ano-Rectal; Thoracic Surgery and Urology. Also under the supervision of the Surgical Service are the Convalescent Wards, the Physical Therapy Section and the First Aid Department.

Colonel Burch is assisted by Lt. Colonel Richard B. Grant, who is Assistant Chief of the Surgical Service and by 12 Chiefs of Sections and their assistants. In addition to their Professional work on the wards

and in the operating room, all officers take part in Surgical Conferences, Tumor Clinics and Pathological Demonstrations. In these meetings, the newer advances in Surgery are discussed as well as unusual cases. Daily rounds are made by the Chief of Service and at this time the various clinical problems are discussed at the bedside.

The Chief of the Anesthesia Section is Lt. Colonel John W. Winter.

Types of anesthesia used at this hospital include Spinal, Ether, Pentothal, Nitrous Oxide and Regional. Spinal anesthesia is used in most emergency abdominal operations but not in traumatic wounds (wounds caused by injury). Ether is the main agent used for intrathoracic, abdominal and neurosurgery cases. Pentothal is used for many minor cases. Regional anesthesia is used mainly in rectal and orthopedic operations.

The treatment of shock comes under the Department of Anesthesia; the abundant use of blood and plasma prophylactically being largely responsible for the low occurrence of secondary shock.

The Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section is headed by Lt. Colonel Lee K. Emenhiser. This Section is broken down into the following units: Eye, and Ear, Nose and Throat, in which a large percentage of the cases treated are enlisted men awaiting CDD, reassignment or reclassification. The Eye, and Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics are maintained under the EENT section for out-patients. Cases for officers, women and children are treated at the "new" hospital and the enlisted personnel cases at Annex II. Officer EENT patients are admitted to wards 2 and 3 (Officers) 11 (Women's), children's ward (Annex III) and 50-B (Enlisted men).

The Chief of the General Surgical Section is Lt. Colonel Herbert C. Fisher. Patients in this section are admitted to Ward 4 and this ward is one of the most active in the hospital. Any variety of acute surgical condition may be observed here at any time.

The Neurosurgical Section has as its chief, Major Robert C. L. Robertson. Surgery in this section consists of the repair of peripheral nerves, cranial defects and intracranial operations for the relief of tumors. A large number of cases of herniations of the nucleus pulposus (condition of the pulpy mass in the center of the disk-like sections of the bones of the spinal column) are also treated. This hospital was designated a Center for Neurosurgery on 6 March 1943.

Officer patients in this section are admitted to Ward 7 and patients on an enlisted status to Ward 6.

Major James M. Siever is the Chief of the Obstetrical Section which incorporates the Prenatal Clinic. An average of 125 babies are born at Brooke General Hospital per month and the use of continuous caudal anesthesia has done much to alleviate the pain of childbirth and the hazards of fetal anoxemia. In addition to the Prenatal Clinic, each patient who is delivered returns for a six-week, post-partum check-up and subsequent check-ups if necessary.

Female surgical patients are admitted to Wards 11. In this Ward are also quartered the members of the Army Nurse Corps and the Women's Army Corps in need of surgical and gynecological care, the latter being cared for by Major Axel N. Arneson, who is the Chief of the Gynecological Section. A limited number of beds are available in Ward 11 to dependents of military personnel.

Officer patients under the Surgical Service are admitted to Ward 2, which now cares for general surgical, ano-rectal, urological, thoracic, and eye, ear, nose and throat patients of the Surgical Service, as well as those patients of the Dental Service who require hospitalization. Major Curtis E. Epps is in charge of this ward.

The Orthopedic Section's Chief is Lt. Colonel Percy M. Girard. This section embraces the treatment of all deformities of the human skeleton, congenial or acquired, and includes all traumatic injuries of muscles, bones and joints. Orthopedic cases are admitted to Wards 5 and 50-B (enlisted men) and Ward 7 (Officers). In addition to Officer and enlisted cases, this section cares for orthopedic cases admitted to women's and children's wards. Also an outpatient clinic for officers and military dependents is maintained daily by this section, and at Annex II an orthopedic outpatient clinic is maintained for enlisted men.

In the treatment of fractures and dislocations the policy of this section is not only to keep up with advances in orthopedic technique but to develop, where possible, original methods of treatment leading toward simplification. This section, (as well as the Neurosurgical Section) works in close cooperation with the Physical Therapy Section, whose Chief is Major Albert O. Loisselle. This section acts as a subsidiary to the orthopedic section rather than as a separate section. The treatment of orthopedic and neurosurgical cases has been practically always supplemented by Physical Therapy with beneficial results.

The use of massage, radiant heat, exercise, hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, etc., as well as specially designed gymnasium

equipment has aided materially in healing wounds and injuries which otherwise would require long, tiresome convalescence.

In connection with the Orthopedic Section, the use of skilled artisans, (also a nurse specially trained in orthopedic dressings and supervising plaster work) has made it possible to duplicate at small cost, expensive braces and apparatus for all orthopedic cases admitted to this hospital.

All Septic Surgical Section cases come under the supervision of Major Laurence M. Quill. This section treats all septic cases admitted to this hospital. The majority of cases admitted include acute infections, such as cellulitis or abscesses. All burns and other potentially infected wounds are also treated in this section. Patients in this section were formerly admitted to Ward 6, but this section has since moved to Ward 40.

The Chief of the Thoracic Section is Major Donald L. Paulson. This section embraces the treatment of all traumatic injuries of the chest, including fractured ribs, all deformities of the bony thorax—congenital or acquired, osteomyelitis of the thoracic cage, tumors of the chest wall, pulmonary tumors and lung abscesses and various diagnostic measures in thoracic surgery. This section is confined exclusively to non-tuberculous chest diseases. Patients in this section are quartered on Wards 2, 6, 11 and 40. Minor procedures such as bronchoscopies, laryngoscopies and bronchograms are also done by this section. Brooke General Hospital was designated a Center for Thoracic Surgery on 28 May 1943.

The Ano-Rectal Section comes under the supervision of Major Thomas E. Smith. This is a very active section which takes care of all Ano-Rectal conditions. It is now housed in Ward 40.

The Chief of the Urological Section is Major Vincent D. Vermooten. This section cares for all non-venereal diseases of the urinary tract, male and female, and later complications or lesions which may or may not have had a venereal origin. Enlisted patients falling in this group are admitted to Ward I.

The First Aid Department, under the Surgical Service, is open 24 hours a day with an enlisted attendant present at all times. During duty hours, the cases consist chiefly of patients referred by the Out-patient Service for minor surgery, though many accident cases from Fort Sam Houston and the surrounding vicinity are also received here. Outside of duty hours, all emergency cases are treated in the First Aid Room which is located in the basement convenient to the ambulance entrance. The First Aid Department consists of an operating room and dressing room.

Maj. Gen Mills Makes Inspection Tour Through New Dental Lab



Major General Robert H. Mills, Chief of the Dental Division, Surgeon General's office, Washington, D. C., being shown through the various sections of the new Eighth Service Command Central Dental Laboratory by Colonel Glover Johns, its chief.

Major General Robert H. Mills, Chief of the Dental Division, Surgeon's General's Office in Washington D. C. was a recent visitor to Brooke General Hospital.

General Mills came here for the purpose of inspecting the newly completed Eighth Service Command Central Dental Laboratory located in the "old" hospital area.

The new laboratory, to quote Colonel Glover Johns, its chief, "sacrificed archi-

tectural design for modern efficiency." A tour through the Lab will convince anyone that this statement rings true throughout the entire building.

In the next edition of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast, a picture story of the new Dental Laboratory will tell in part the amazing set-up in the production of prosthetic plates (dental full and partial plates) during the national emergency.

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EISENHOWER'S REPORT

A report made by General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, covering operations in Northern France from June 6 to August 25, gave some very revealing information. The equivalent of five Panzer divisions were destroyed and an additional six severely mauled.

The equivalent of 20 German infantry divisions were eliminated and 12 others badly cut up. Included in this total of infantry divisions were three crack parachute divisions. Three additional divisions were trapped in fortress ports of the Brittany Peninsula, and a fourth division was isolated in the Channel Islands.

These 47 divisions, all destroyed or badly cut up, suffered over 400,000 casualties, of which over 200,000 were prisoners of war. Enemy tanks to the number of 1,300 were captured or destroyed.

The German Seventh Army and a newly formed Fifth Panzer Army were decisively defeated, and into this defeat was drawn the bulk of the fighting strength of the German First and Fifteenth Armies.

Three field marshals and one army commander were either dismissed, or incapacitated by wounds. One army commander, three corps commanders, fifteen divisional commanders and one fortress commander were either killed or captured.

In the air the Luftwaffe took a fearful beating. Since June 6, 2,378 German aircraft were destroyed in the air and 1,167 on the ground. In addition 270 airplanes were probably destroyed and 1,028 others damaged in the air.

General Eisenhower's report said that many factors were woven into the warp and woof of this great victory, but the greatest factor of all was "the fighting qualities of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the United Nations. Their valor, stamina and devotion to duty have been beyond praise. They will continue to be."

PATTON

Dispatches from the battle fronts in Northern France yesterday disclosed that everywhere the Germans were stiffening their resistance against the tornado-like drive of Patton's Third Army and Hodges' First Army, as both have been forced to slow down to permit supplies catching up

with them. On Patton's front German resistance has developed around Metz, and the infantry of the Third Army has taken over from the armored divisions. The infantry must drive a wedge through which Patton's armor can renew its dashes.

Below Metz a firm bridgehead had been thrown across the Moselle, and Americans poured across this last great water barrier before Germany, short of the Rhine itself, and pointed a new threat from the east bank toward the Reich and the Siegfried Line. Continued rain has hampered the Third Army, which in the past few days was not able to use fully its great air superiority.

HODGES

General Eisenhower's headquarters indicated that Hodges' First Army was operating on a front of 25 miles from three secure bridgeheads over the Meuse River in the vicinity of Namur, and that tanks in mass formation were moving eastward toward Liege, one of the most powerful fortresses in Europe and now held by the Germans.

PATCH

The Seventh Army under General Patch has closed in on Dijon, 110 miles north of Lyon and nearly 300 miles from the beaches where it landed a little over three weeks ago. It is less than 90 miles from the Belfort gap into Southwest Germany, which will be used by the Nazi forces as an escape route. French troops of the Seventh Army have spearheaded the drive toward Dijon, and only 60 miles separated the column from troops of Patton's army at Bar-sur-Seine.

ALEXANDER

The decisive battle for northern Italy on the broad stretches of the Po River valley, was precipitated when British Eighth Army troops plunged within five miles of Rimini on the Adriatic coast, and Clark's Fifth Army on the western end of the battle line seized Lucca, ten miles northeast of Pisa. Once Rimini is captured, General Alexander will pour out onto the flatlands of northern Italy the greatest armored

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striking forces ever assembled in the Mediterranean area, to proceed with the annihilation of Field Marshal Kesserling's divisions in the Po Valley.

RUSSIA - BULGARIA

Russia's declaration of war against Bulgaria two days ago ended a situation wherein three Bulgarian premiers had flouted not only the United States and Great Britain, with whom the Bulgars were at war, but also their traditional Slavic friend—Russia. Russia's action blasted any dreams of a "bargain basement" peace in the Balkans.

Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov in announcing the declaration of war, asserted that Bulgaria had, in practice, helped Germany's war effort against the Soviet Union for more than three years. He charged the government with "carrying out a policy of so-called neutrality, by virtue of which Bulgaria continued to render direct aid to Germany against the Soviet Union," and that the Germans had been given an opportunity to create a new center of resistance on Bulgarian territory.

Russia's drastic action and the presence of two Red Armies on Bulgaria's northern frontier brought a prompt, whining appeal from the Bulgarian government for an armistice.

Turkey has not yet made a clean break with Germany. Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper, said that Turkey was continuing relations with Germany under neutrality of the "Argentine type."

GERMAN PROPAGANDA

Germany military writers and spokesmen for three months have endeavored to present satisfactory explanations of the strategy of retreat, and to make the German people understand how it is that "advancing backward" by an army is sometimes more profitable than to win battles by pushing to the front. This much can be said of their efforts — they are raising a strong altar of propaganda bluff that may aid somewhat in prolonging a semblance of unity within the Reich.

The German General Kabish, in an article on the strategy involved in retreat, wrote that "there are people who cannot understand why our leaders have for some time used the strategy of retreat." Another Nazi writer declared that German armed forces welcomed the Allied penetration into Normandy, as it "gave the German soldiers the opportunity to employ their superiority of morale under conditions far more favorable than the crass inequalities of the African and Italian campaigns."

One writer predicted that from the small, narrow base in Normandy, a thin wedge

driven toward Paris or the Swiss frontier could be chopped to pieces by the Germans.

One German newspaper strategist treated the capture of the Cherbourg Peninsula with disdain. He said it would be suicidal to jam the peninsula with troops and weapons, in sufficient number to attempt to break through the strong German bolt position, as represented by the German Seventh Army.

No German propaganda article is ever published that ends in a note of despair. A writer in a Berlin newspaper shuddered at the thought of how much longer the war would last. It seemed to him that he lived through a nightmare in which he climbed endless stairs. Then he gave the psychological antidote—the first year of the war was distressing, the second year worse, the third year was unbelievably bad, the fourth year somewhat better, and the fifth year found the Germans viewing the war as more or less a natural state, from having experienced it for five years.

NAZI END NEAR

A spokesman for the British government stated last night that no plea for peace had been made to the United Nations by Germany. The statement was made to dispose of recurrent rumors that Germany had been seeking opportunities to open talks with the Allies.

Throughout all of Germany there is an awareness that defeat confronts the armed forces of the Reich. Open negotiations to end the war would now be under way if Nazi officials had conducted hostilities, and had handled subjugated civilians in a manner conforming to International Law. But having been guilty of atrocities that shocked the world, heads of the Nazi government dare not surrender. Doubtless they retain some little hope that in the coming weeks the Americans and British will turn soft, and agree to terms that will not call for the punishment of any Nazi leader by death or long imprisonment.

Of all German radio spokesmen, Lieutenant General Kurt Dittmar, speaking for the German high command, is the most plausible. What he said in recent broadcasts represented the views of the group of conservative Prussians, who in past wars dominated both the government and the armed forces. Two days ago Dittmar told the German people that success was out of reach.

Sweden and Spain have warned the Nazis they will not grant them refuge. The Swiss will not have them, nor will the Turks. I believe it likely that some Nazis will attempt to reach Argentina by submarine, or by flight aboard a non-stop plane. Some

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Texas War Chest Representatives Tour Brooke and Fort Sam Houston

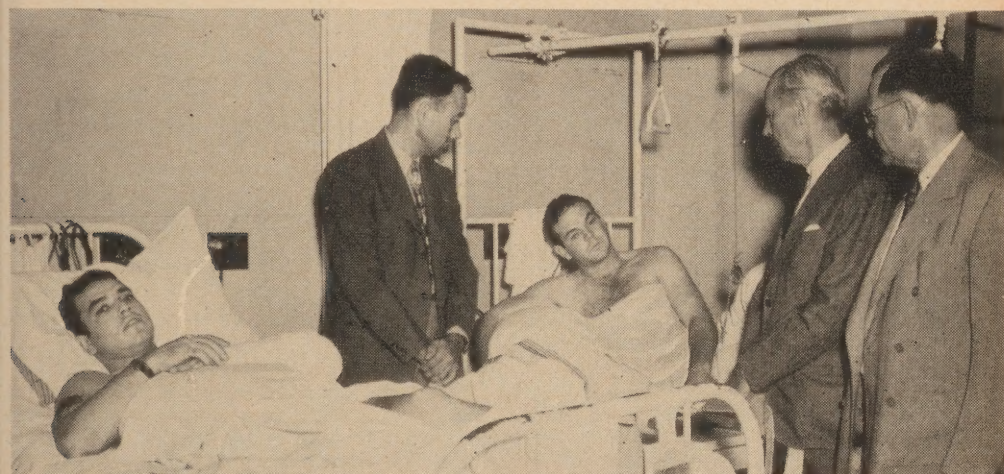


Photographed above are the Chairmen and representatives of 13 counties in the San Antonio Region of the Texas War Chest Conference. They are pictured in front of the main building of the "new" hospital with Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding Brooke General Hospital.

A regional conference of Texas War Chest representatives, meeting in San Antonio 26 August, was high-lighted by visits to Brooke General Hospital and Fort Sam Houston. Delegates of the 13 counties in the San Antonio region attended.

At the Army installations the group gained first hand information from returned overseas veterans on the overseas activities of the 22 organizations financed through the National War Fund.

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Left to right in the picture are Private First Class Antonio Mendoza of Galveston; Drury Wood of Del Rio; Sergeant Okey M. Meade, Jr. of Mulberry, Florida; Colonel Royden Williamson, USA, Retired, of San Antonio; and D. Leon Harp of San Antonio. The occasion was the recent visit of War Chest representatives to Brooke.

WAR CHEST REPRESENTATIVES TOUR BROOKE

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The party, divided into two groups, and taken to the roof of the hospital were shown points of interest including Annex I, the area of the "old" hospital, the nurses quarters, and Annexes II, III, and IV.

Leaving the roof, the party was escorted to the Obstetrical Ward, where each person was allowed to view the babies through the window of the Nursery and also the room where are kept incubators for pre-maturely born babies.

The group was then taken through the X-Ray Department, then into one of the operating rooms and through the Work Room where all sterile instruments are autoclaved and kept until ready for use. 20 to 30 operations are performed in the operating pavilion per day. All scheduled operations are performed in the morning and only emergency operations are after 1:30 p. m. with the daily operating schedule beginning at 7:00 a. m. The party viewed the Blood Transfusion room, then visited one of the "typical wards."

After several of the party visited with various patients throughout the ward, it was taken to the second floor and through the Laboratory, where it learned how laboratory tests are taken and the process each goes through.

Leaving the second floor, the group was shown through the Enlisted Men Patient's Mess, and Officer Patients' Mess.

Major Kernek, Hospital Inspector, then accompanied the party to the Reconditioning Unit, Annex IV, where Major Wilkinson, Commanding the Unit, showed them through the Annex.

Following the hospital visit, the group, headed by D. Leon Harp, regional chairman and Col. Royden Williamson, U. S. Army Retired, of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, went to the Southern Personnel Reassignment Center, Fort Sam Houston, for lunch. Soldiers, returned from overseas for reassignment, and from the counties represented, were hosts at the lunch, served in one of the Center's mess halls.

Military decorations were presented to 17 soldiers by Colonel R. E. Jones, Commanding Officer of the Center, in a formal ceremony which followed.

Sgt. W. H. DuBose, an overseas patient from McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, addressed the group in their business session held in Theatre No. 4 at Fort Sam Houston. GI movies were shown.

County chairmen in attendance at the conference were: H. M. Morrison of Jourdantown, Atascosa County; Rev. Ralph Seiler, of Bandera, Bandera County; Walter B. Dillard of New Braunfels; Comal

County; Fritz C. Sorrel, of Pearsall, Frio County; A. G. Ainsworth of Gonzales, Gonzales County; Frank Schmidt of Seguin, Guadalupe County; Judge W. E. Pickett, Karnes City, Karnes County; Paul Holenkamp of Boerne, Kendall County; Rev. B. B. Breihan, of Kerrville, Kerr County; P. A. Kerr, of Cotulla, La Salle County; James Amberson of Hondo, Medina County; Miss Patti Reagan of Tilden, McMullen County; and John C. Merchant of Floresville, Wilson County.

The Bexar County War Chest was represented by Frank Gillespie, President, and T. L. Swander, Secretary-manager of the War Chest of Bexar County.

Professor: "I want you to explain this examination paper. Why do you have all your answers in quotation marks?"

Freshman: "Just a bit of courtesy to the man seated at my left, sir."

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A soldier on the march felt something in his boot. His toe became painful and he was limping badly by the time he got back to camp. He took off his boot and sock to bathe his blistered foot and found a pellet of paper lodged in the toe of the sock, on which was written. "God bless the soldier who wears these socks."

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Two U. S. soldiers, sightseeing in London, were walking down Whitehall. They wanted to see the war office but did not know on which side of the street to look. They hailed a passing Tommy and asked: "Which side is the war office on?"

The Tommy thought a startled moment and replied, "Gorblimy! Ours, I think!"

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Girl: "A month ago I was just crazy about George. But now I don't care a snap for him."

Friend: "Yes, isn't it strange how changeable men are!"

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Judge—"Have you a lawyer, Sam?"

Sam—"No suh. I've decided to tell de truf."

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Generally it isn't the job that's burdensome, but the chip on the shoulder that holds a man down.

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The salesman called on a big business man at the close of a rush day. When the salesman had been admitted the magnate said: "You ought to feel honored, son. Do you know that today I have refused to see eleven men?"

"I know," replied the salesman, "I'm them!"

(The above jokes courtesy
Orange County Masonic Bulletin)



MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ENLISTED TECHNICIANS SCHOOL

By Pvt. Carroll H. Curry



GENERALITIES

Another interesting section in the school is the X-Ray Section. The mission of this section is to train selected personnel of the Medical Department to effectively and intelligently carry out the basic requirements necessary for the proper manipulation and maintenance of X-Ray equipment. X-Ray is one of the smaller sections of MDETS, having graduated 386 technicians since April 1941. Their course is of sixteen weeks duration, and the students acquire much knowledge and training through practical application at Annex II.

Lt. Col. C. C. Taylor, director of the X-Ray Section, is shown below giving an orientation lecture in anatomy, using "Oscar" as a model. Col. Taylor, who is also director of X-Ray at Annex Two, is a graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine, and did post-graduate work in Radiology at the University of Michigan. As a civilian, he practiced Radiology in Indianapolis, Indiana. Col. Taylor, married and father of two children, is a quiet, pleasant looking man.

Others on the staff of the X-Ray Section are Capt. Arthur I. Frucht, T-Sgt. Adolph

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San Antonio ASF Depot Women Help Brooke Patients Celebrate Birthdays

A hospital ward, even one for convalescents, can be a pretty lonely place to celebrate a birthday. But a group of women intent on cheering up hospitalized soldiers decide to change all that, hospital birthday celebrations can turn into the gay, informal parties given once a month to patients at Annexes I, II and III, Brooke General Hospital, by women from the San Antonio Army Service Forces Depot.

The parties, which are supervised by Mrs. Lola N. Fain, Depot recreational director, have been held monthly since last March in the Annex 2 recreation room.

Complete with huge frosted birthday

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BIRTHDAYS AT BROOKE—Group singing is one of the most popular forms of entertainment at the monthly "Birthday Parties" given convalescent patients at Brooke. Above, the guests gather around Miss Alice Paul Tyson, employee of the Depot's Property Branch, for a little wholehearted singing.

Below, Mrs. J. A. Porter, wife of the Commanding General of the SAASF Depot, who sponsors the parties, serves punch to Pfc. Arthur W. Denham, Petersburg, Ill., and Tech. Sgt. Ray E. Haviland, Mount Clements, Mich. Miss Alice Paul Tyson, employee of the ASF Depot's Property Branch, serves cake to Pvt. Herman Slone, Logan, W. Va.



Above, Mrs. J. A. Porter, wife of the Depot's Commanding General (lower left), and Mrs. Lola Fain, Depot recreational director, serve individual birthday cakes to the guests at the monthly Birthday Parties for patients of Annex I, II and III, Brooke General Hospital.

Below, Mrs. Lola Fain, Depot recreational director, who supervises the parties, serves punch to Pvt. George R. Foster, Denton, Texas, and Pfc. James E. Byrun, Tyler, Texas. Cpl. Harry Finley, 226 Camargo, San Antonio, has just received an individual birthday cake from Mrs. Amy Marrett, Red Cross worker at Brooke General Hospital.



Above, left to right, are, Mrs. Dorothy Rippl, Columbus, Ohio; Cpl. Robert B. Foster, Somerset, Pa.; Mrs. Foster; Cpl. Benjamin S. Wise, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Mary Beth Adams, Depot employee; Tech Sgt. Max Goodman Detroit, Mich.; and Miss Kristine Jorgeson, Depot employee.



ACTIVITIES

The students of the school enjoyed a good, old-fashioned "Lemonade" party Wednesday, 30 August, in the Sports Arena. The party, originally scheduled as a picnic at Salado but changed because of rain, was sponsored by the enlisted detachment of Brooke General Hospital. Judging by large number of students present, the affair was an enjoyable one. We wish to thank Major Pickel and his boys for making this event possible.

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We've been inspected here so much lately, that we are beginning to think that the phrase, "Let's get this place cleaned up for inspection," is a part of SOP.

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A lot of interest has been aroused in the volleyball

games played between the officers and select teams of students. Col. Fargo's "Texans" seem to be holding their own with the student athletes.

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"Fer gossakes! Won't they EVER stop publishing these desert island cartoons?"

—Drawn by Pvt. William Lytle.

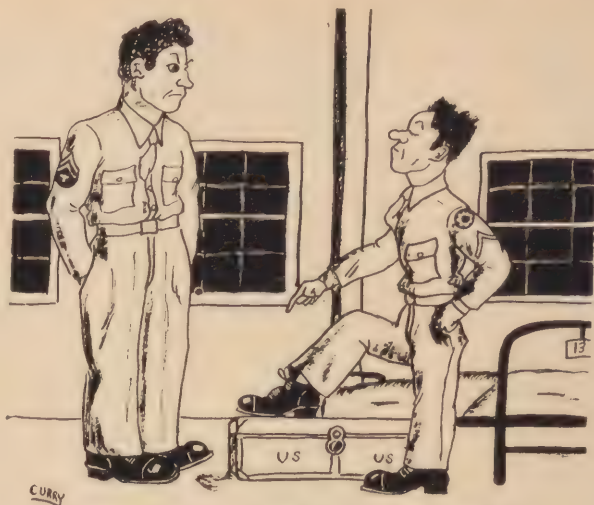
PERSONALITIES

Pvt. William Lytle, Dental Section, used to be art director for an advertising agency in Florida. He's always talking about the great state of Florida, but for some reason he hates to admit that he's really from West (BG) Virginia. At present, Lytle is

utilizing his artistic abilities making training aids for the Dental Section. Two of his cartoons appear in this issue of the Bluebonnet Broadcast.

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For several months now, we've been trying to get something on Capt. "Carpet-



"Yes . . . but I got Buster Brown shoes!!"

Drawn by Pvt. Carrol H. Curry

The officers of the school have recently been on tour through Brooke General's Reconditioning Unit. We approve of the reciprocal trade agreement which allows, in return, groups of lovely nurses to visit our school. The officers have been greatly impressed by the size and scope of the program, and are quite interested in it. Already, three officers have been on sick call, hoping to be sent to the hospital for "reconditioning."

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This is for sure. If there is a speck of dust to be found anywhere, Capt. "Hawkshaw" Scott will find it in his weekly inspections.

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"And when are you going to start shaving son?"

Drawn by Pvt. William Lytle

"bagger" Benedict—but he must be keeping his nose pretty clean.

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Since the rain has stopped, the playboy officers of the school seem to have taken a new interest in the game of golf. We wonder if Major "Tex" Daggett is so happy about his golfing because his wife is away, or is he just playing to kill time until she returns. (Well, we always liked to work in the messhall, anyway).

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Chaplains are noted to have big appetites, but a preacher couldn't hold a candle to Capt. "Chow" Kroner.

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Capt. "Hy." Unovitz finally had his car "Clementine," overhauled. This is truly a great event in the history of the school. He's saving the jolopy for the Smithsonian Institute.

FINAL REMARKS

We will have a "guest" writer in the next issue. We expect to be "indisposed" after talking about the officers this way.

MDETS GENERALITIES. . .

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Patzewitsch, Tech-4 Russell M. Rabold, Pfc. William K. Hamilton, Pfc. Robert W. Hyde, Pvt. H. Horn, and Pvt. William K. Henderson.

JUNIOR OFFICERS' CLUB OPENS IN SAN ANTONIO

"This is your club—make it your home," is the slogan of the newly opened Junior Officers' Club, corner of Main and Mistletoe.

Organized in the interests of junior officers stationed in and about San Antonio, the club boasts two lounges, a restaurant, a dance floor and a bar. It is open to members and their families and friends from 10 a.m. to midnight daily except Monday.

Membership in the club is limited to men and women officers of the grades of second lieutenants through captains, or the equivalents, in all the armed services. Transient officers will be guests of the club, and will not be assessed dues.

Members of the Junior Officers' Club board are 1st Lt. W. A. Stanley II, San Antonio ASF Depot, chairman; Capt. John T. French, San Antonio ASF Depot; 1st Lt. Alice Wall, Commanding Officer of the WAC Detachment, Brooks Field; Ensign Dorothy Dee Bailey, WAVE, Communications Office; and 2nd Lt. B. D. Spofford Jr., Randolph, and Miss Mary Louise Mackey, secretary of the board. Board members to represent other Army installations will be appointed later.

For further information, junior officers may call P-0741.

THE SURGICAL SERVICE. . .

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The Surgical Service maintains a Surgical Out-patient Department at Annex II which cares for all minor surgical cases of the enlisted man.

The Operating Pavillion is located on the third floor of the main building "new" hospital and consists of six main operating rooms. (Five other operating rooms are located in Annex II and one at Annex I) which lend themselves to the segregation of cases and the expediting of work. Here is also located the Nurses' work-room where all dressings and solutions for the various wards and sections of the hospital as well as all surgical instruments and operating room supplies are made sterile.

Also under the supervision of the Surgical Service is the training of the enlisted surgical technician. Many of these men have exhibited a surprising degree of competence in their work. An Officer of the Surgical Service is detailed in charge of this program and a systematic course of instruction outlined. Student Nurses (enlisted men) are trained in the operating room after three month's preparatory training at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School.



BROOKE SPORTS

BGH Golf Personalities



COLONEL JOHN C. WOODLAND

—Chief of the Medical Service at Brooke, an ardent golf enthusiast takes a practice swing at the Fort Sam Houston Course.

It wasn't generally known that there were so many golf enthusiasts around Brooke until the recent tournament took place. That always brings the golfers out in more ways than one. Colonel Woodland made a remarkable showing — in fact he was such a good bet, we almost knew he was going to win—and stayed in the running for quite sometime until he was nosed

out by Lt. McVey of Fort Sam.

Colonel Woodland is considered as good a player as a lot of fine amateurs and usually turns in a score of 76 to 78.



COLONEL WARREN C FARGO



—Assistant Commandant of the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians School, is another BGH golf enthusiast. Colonel Fargo shoots consistent golf, turning in an average 90—a score a lot of us wouldn't mind getting just once!



COLONEL JOHN C. BURCH



—Chief of the Surgical Service, though he hasn't been playing the game long, usually manages to turn in an 85 or 86.



LT. COL. FRED R. SLOAN



—Assistant Chief of the Medical Service at Brooke, usually plays an excellent game and is always good for a 80 to 85 score. (Maybe it's the hat that helps him with his game . . . and then again . . . !)



**MAJOR
JOHN V.
D'ANGELO**

—on the Surgical Service staff has been playing golf for some years. Usually in excellent form, you can depend on him for a constant game in the high 70's.



**MAJOR
LAURENCE M.
QUILL**

—also on the Surgical Service staff, is another fine golfer, and you can usually depend on him turning in a score in the low seventies.



**E-GAD! How
did this get in
here!!!!???....?**



**PRIVATE
AHSLEY
LOAFEA**

—Medical Detachment, BGH is a professional golfer from the west coast and golf instructor at the Fort Sam Houston Course. He is available for appointments by members of the golf club, their families and

guests. Private Loafea also instructs members of the Reconditioning Unit at Brooke General Hospital. He shoots Par or slightly over (67-73) and won the Parkersville Open, Colorado.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE WINS \$150. VICTORY IDEA AWARD

Mrs. Gladys B. Whitten, Civilian Clerk at the "old" hospital, has been presented a check for \$150, along with a Certificate of Award for her Idea for Victory. The award was recommended by a Committee and approved by Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding Brooke.

It was estimated by the Committee that Mrs. Whitten's idea was worth a savings of \$3000, per year to Brooke General Hospital alone. The amount of these Victory Idea Awards are based upon 5% of the estimated savings per year to the Government.

Mrs. Whitten's suggestion is the teaching to newly assigned medical stenographers, the terminology of medical words: their origin, construction, spelling, definition, and the correct pronunciation. She taught such a class for two months this summer with the aid of Mrs. Eaves of civilian personnel.

Mimeograph copies of Mrs. Whitten's Medical Terminology Manual are issued to each new medical stenographer reporting to work.

Upon approval of the Surgeon General's Office in Washington, Mrs. Whitten's idea may go into effect in every General and Station Hospital throughout the country and perhaps an additional National Award for her outstanding suggestion.

ASF DEPOT PARTIES

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cakes presented by SAASF Depot women, ice cold fruit punch presented by the Red Cross, and entertainment by SAASF Depot employees, the parties have proved a great success with the convalescent patients. The men like both the refreshments and the entertainment, but most of all enjoy the chance just "to talk with someone."

Guests of honor at each of the parties are men who are observing their birthdays during the month. Each signs his name and home address in the leather bound "Birthday Book" presented to the men by the women of the SAASF Depot at the suggestion of Brig. Gen. J. A. Porter, Depot Commanding General.

Ward 5, Brooke General Hospital, is also on the SAASF Depot visiting list. Each week a different division of the Depot sends a group of girls, under the direction of Mrs. Lola Fain, to visit with the men. Entertainers also accompany the visitors at the ward parties.

... Physical Therapy News ...

By 2nd Lt Fern Green, P. T.

Lt. Victorine Paul from McCloskey General Hospital is in the Basic Training class at B.G.H. She is a graduate of the Physical Therapy Training School at Mayo Clinic. — Lt. Ruth Burnett, another Mayo graduate, has just completed Basic Training.

Lt. Margery Short will be leaving us soon for points unknown. She is now spending a few days at home in Perry, Georgia. A picnic at Camp Warnecke, New Braunfels, was given in her honor recently.

Lt. Fern Green and Lt. Georgiana Windham spent last Sunday in Waxahachie, where the former visited her brother and family, and the latter, her mother and father. Lt. Windham's mother returned with them to spend a week at Fort Sam Houston.

Lt. Isabelle Armstrong took a "flying trip" home this week-end to Hutchinson, Kansas.

Celeste Hayden, Dorothy Jarvis and Katharine Leonard, Class 4 Apprentices, were hostesses at dinner Wednesday to Mrs. Windham, Lt. Green and the newly commissioned Class 3 Lts. — Georgiana Windham, Margery Short, and Isabelle Armstrong.

A letter from Lt. Eleanor Hayes reports she is in England having a most interesting time. It seems she took some Texas sunshine with her as there has been only one day of fog since her arrival.

Two of Class 5 Apprentices have just returned from furlough, Tech/Sgt. Eileen Pagel visited her sister in Tucson, Arizona, and Cpl. Joyce Cairns spent her leave with her family and friends in Marinette, Mich.

So glad to find we have an excellent cartoonist in Class 6—Pfc. Laverne Lissy, who gives a portrayal of life in Physical Therapy classes in this issue. Other artists found in this class are Sgt. Florence Hoffman, vocal soloist, and Pfc. Isabel Forbes, pianist. They rendered the nuptial music for Miss Gertrude Barbato and Sgt. Claudie Johns, who were married 24 August at the hospital chapel.

Class 6 really believes that Texas IS the largest state with the largest mosquitoes



"O, Miss Jones, I'm so sorry!"

Drawn by Pfc. Laverne Lissy, WAC

too, since one of said mosquitoes bit Pfc. Forbes and sent her to the hospital. . .

The following poem was written by Lt. Ted Drotning, former patient at Brooke, now stationed at Camp Berkeley. It can be sung to the tune of an Old Iberian Folk Song.

They know what muscles wag your ears
They know what twitching expels tears
From scapula to metatarsal
They know your body part and parcel.
So when you're lame and stiff and bent
Come in — and with their fundaments
Of heat and light and stiff massage
Return to life and full usage.
Come in — they bend you badly first
They'll make you scream and wince and curse
But when it's over, done, and finished
And when the pain is much diminished
You'll thank these gals that bend your bones
You'll praise them in most glorious tones
'Cause, boy, — they really know their stuff

They do the job, and that's enough.

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By Sgt. Joey Gottlieb

When asked to write a humorous column for the Bluebonnet Broadcast, my first impulse was to grab an old joke book, write the jokes down, and say, "there now!" But somehow or other I knew I couldn't get by with it, so I grabbed hold of an Esquire . . . sat down by the radio, and after hearing a few choruses of "Super-Suds, Super-Suds" . . . "Rinso White, Rinso White" . . . and L-S—M-F-T, L-S—M-F-T . . . I was all set to write a column. To introduce myself to the readers of this magazine, I feel I should first tell you of my childhood . . . (Any similarity to the way I looked when I was a child and the way I look now is purely coincidental).

My Childhood:

The day I was born I cried like a baby. Matter of fact I was so scared, I couldn't even speak. Two years later the first words I did say were responsible for the publication of the book, "Tobacco Road."

When I was three years old (I became three years old on my third birthday) my mother used to put boric acid in my grapefruit so that at the same time I ate I could also get a free eye-wash. At three I took my first step learning how to walk, and distinctly heard one knee say to the other, "I let you pass first last time, let me go first this time."

I was a cute kid. My father used to show me to all the neighbors, and then the Children's Welfare Board made him take me out of the jar of alcohol. When I was four I saw my first snake. (My mother gave me my father's bottle by mistake).

At six I wanted to play hookey from my first day at school, but couldn't—my

grandfather was in the same class. (He was taking a post-graduate course.) After a while I didn't mind going to school. Our teacher was a nice kid. (Frankly, she was a kid when the Great Dipper was only a drinking cup.) Then too, there was Moytle . . . (English translation Myrtle) . . . she was cute from some angle, but I just never could find the right angle. Whenever the teacher told the pupils to look at the map, everyone gazed at Moytle . . . and she had the kind of map even Rand and McNally wouldn't use! I must have liked her for her beautiful blonde hair. (One day she misplaced her beautiful blonde hair, and came to school without it.) And what eyes! She was the only kid in the class who could cheat and watch the teacher at the same time. And her feet were so big, that whenever she took her shoes off, she was half undressed.

Well, the years rolled by and it was now 1930 N.D. (N.D. meaning nearer draft). I was twelve years old now, and wearing my first long pants. (My father finally bought a suit with two pairs of pants). With my longies on, I was headed for my first dance. I'll never forget it. I approached the first young lady I saw, and we started to dance. Everyone stood around with their mouths open just watching us . . . then the music started, and the others began to dance also! Then we started jitterbugging . . . (at that time it was known as shagging). Shagging and jitterbugging are the same . . . they're afflictions set to music. (Now I know what a malted milk has to go through). However, we were not meant for each other . . . (this I found out when she made me pay for her ice-cream soda) . . . and we parted.

Then . . . yes . . . when I was sixteen I really met my dream girl. She was a beautiful blonde, and a very fastidious girl (she had two tooth brushes . . . one for each tooth) . . . and I loved blondes. (I had developed high-blond pressure when I was only six). We went to a movie, and asked the usher to usher us to the highest balcony. After the seventh balcony he asked us to continue on upwards by ourselves . . . his nose started to bleed! The name of the picture was Romeo and Juliet and I'll never forget those love scenes in the balcony . . . (the picture was good too!). I just found out THAT blonde is now married to Harry James . . . oh, well, I don't care . . . as long as she's happy! (See what can happen to you if you learn to play a bugle when you're young. I had to study piano like a dope!) Well, that covers my childhood.

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Episode II will continue in a future edition of the B.B.B.

A WAR EXPERT VIEWS. . .

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Nazis will be killed in Germany. A few will demonstrate the German version of Japanese hara-kiri.

MACARTHUR

From time to time pungent comments on military strategy come from General MacArthur's headquarters, so characteristic of that able officer as to cause one to believe it was he who spoke. Take this statement made by a "military observer" at MacArthur's headquarters, in connection with the recent review of the Aitape campaign on New Guinea. The spokesman said: "Direct assault is expensive. Selection of where to fight may be all important. In our land operations we selected the place for battle and forced the Japanese to attack us. As a result the enemy paid a bitter price that goes with frontal assault." The Japanese had 8,000 killed and 10,000 wounded, while the American losses were only 285 killed, 998 wounded and 23 missing.

The Japanese were fooled by the landing at Hollandia. Air attacks and landing parties convinced the enemy that the new blow would fall between Wewak and Madang, on New Guinea's north coast. The enemy rushed to that sector from Hollandia, whereupon MacArthur put an amphibious party ashore at Hollandia in April at virtually no cost in man-power, and some 60,000 Japanese were thereby cut off in the Wewak area.

Now that General MacArthur has driven the Japanese out of the Halmahera Islands, his next jump will probably be to occupy them, as a closer stepping-stone to the Philippines. In broadcasts made early this year I predicted that MacArthur would land in the Philippines before the end of 1944.

NIMITZ

In one of the most devastating periods of the war against Japan, the five days from August 30 to September 3, shelling and bombardments by warships, and bombings from airplanes wrought havoc to Japanese ships, small boats and aircraft from the Kuriles to the Celebes.

Within this 4,500-mile length of empire, 55 Japanese ships were sunk or badly damaged, 68 barges, sampans and other small craft were rendered unserviceable, and 158 planes were knocked out. Much of this destruction was wrought in the Bonin and Volcano Islands, which lie nearly midway between Saipan in the Marianas and Tokyo.

The powerful fleet operating in the Pacific under the command of Admiral Ni-

mitz is made up of so many hundreds of warships and thousands of carrier and land-based planes, that it is becoming quite a difficult problem to find worthwhile targets on which to have them practice.

HALSEY

There are many indications that the aggressive, hard-hitting Nimitz is about to take over the Bonin Islands. That task may be assigned to the Third Fleet under Admiral Halsey. Nothing would be more soothing to Halsey's restless energy than to use a division of marines and one of the army to occupy those pin-point islands in the Bonin and Volcano groups, which it is essential to have as bases in dominating the airways to Japan.

Halsey could make air attacks within a radius of 700 miles on the industrial and naval base centers of Japan, from Tokyo to Nagasaki. I believe the Japanese would quit under such punishment to their homeland.

P. T. NEWS. . .

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The Physical Therapy Department has acquired a new piece of apparatus. The rowing machine in the gymnasium is used for exercising hips, knees, back, and shoulders.

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As this issue goes to press we have two more visitors taking Basic. . . Lt. Edna Seng from Glennan General Hospital and Lt. Mary Mandlsohn from Camp Fannin. Welcome to B.G.H.

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Dentist: "You needn't open your mouth any wider. When I pull your tooth I expect to stand outside."

Kitty: "Isn't it wonderful? I've finally found myself a husband."

Kat: "Really! Whose?"

The average man who thinks he has a new idea is merely rearranging his prejudices.

"That's a good looking hat you are wearing."

"Yes, I bought it five years ago, had it cleaned three times, changed it twice in restaurants, and it's still as good as new."

Mess Sergeant: "You're not eating your fish. What's wrong with it?"

Soldier: "Long time no sea."

—Orange County Masonic Bulletin.



NEWS from the Army Nurse Corps



By 1st Lt. Mary Hansen, ANC

DID YOU KNOW?

Splinter village is in the spot light again—thanks to Colonel Harding and Major Tilly. The space between barracks 2 and 3 has been turned into a Sun Garden. There's plenty of room, privacy, comfortable chairs, in fact a swell set-up for any kind of party.

EXTRA!

"The Army Nurse" a new magazine published every two weeks is a magazine worth your time. Copies are in Capt. Hibbard's office at Reid Hall and Capt. Duffie's office in the New Nurses' Quarters.

PROMINENT VISITORS

Recent visitors to Brooke and Reid Hall were: Colonel Kleibscheidel, Chief Nurse 8th Service Command, from Dallas, Texas; Capt. Hill of Camp Gruber, Oklahoma; Capt. Judd, of Camp Barkeley, Tex., formerly of BGH; Lt. Gaadman of Camp Gruber, Oklahoma; and Capt. Irene Williams, also formerly of Brooke General Hospital. Capt. Williams recently returned from duty in New Guinea and Australia. Her new station is Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colo.

CLUB NEWS . . .

The reception given at the Officers Club for Col. Blanchfield, Colonel Kleibscheidel and Eighth Service Command officials proved very successful. In the receiving line were the following: Col. Harding, Maj. Tilly, Capt. Graves, Capt. Borg, and Lts. Tewksbury and Clark.

Hospital Dieticians, the Army Nurse Corps, and Physical Therapists sponsored the reception.

RECREATION:

The Occupational Therapy class is open to the officers of this hospital every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Last Tuesday Lt. "Mac" McPhearson was busy making a picture frame, Lt. Schlegel made a pretty candlestick holder. Lt. Hansen hammered and chiseled at something she called an ash tray. If any of you can spare a few hours join in the fun of learning the different arts. Miss Butler is a wonderful teacher.

UNHAPPY??

. . . this isn't the time to be. If any of you can suggest other sorts of recreation, drop your suggestions in the ANC News Box in the Nurses' Dining Room.

THOUGHTS

The ANC never has had an orchestra to call its own. Let's not let the WACs, WAVES and MARINES get ahead of us. Anyone interested in forming one—let her name and instrument be known.

The ANC-NEWS BOX is in the Mess Hall.

ORCHIDS:

Visited the PX lately? Do! You will find a new post card size picture of Reid Hall—pretty enough for the family album.

FOOT NOTE—

The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and have it found out by accident.

DEAR FOLKS:

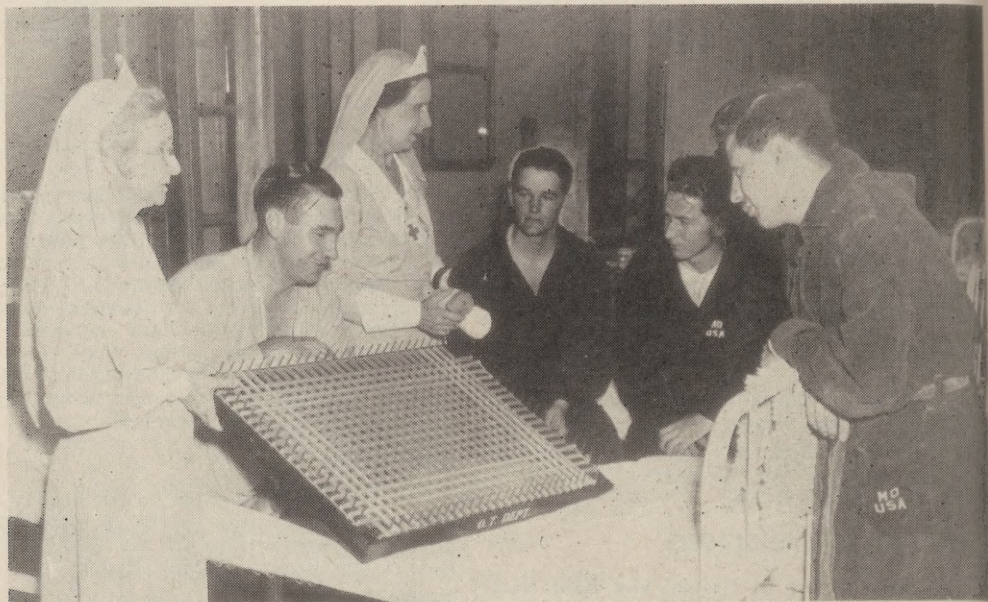
Your reporter is certain that hospitalitis is no fun. I promise to bring you more news in the next issue . . . Cheerio!

The Cover Photo

A familiar scene at Brooke General Hospital is the Post Exchange, located at the rear of Annex 1 (Ward 40). This photograph was taken from the roof of the main building of Brooke by Pfc. Robert S. Wingate, Medical Detachment.

Mrs. Beatrice Bruck in the office of the Post Personnel Officer issues War Saving Bonds at any time. Buy an extra Bond today!

Occupational Therapy Aids Recovery



LEARNING TO MAKE A RUG: Pfc. Ivan J. Johnson of Yale, Oklahoma, proudly displays a rug he has started to make, to some of his buddies while Mrs. W. R. King and Mrs. Jack Watts, Gray Ladies of the Handicraft Section, Occupational Therapy, explain how simple the whole procedure is, and also suggest color schemes to use. Others in the picture are Pvt. Warren Thompson of Kiowa, Oklahoma, T/5 James Malone of Galveston, Texas, and Rinaldo Munoz of Phoenix, Arizona.

One of the most interesting sections at Brooke General Hospital is the Occupational Therapy Section.

Occupational Therapy is medically described as "any activity—mental or physical—prescribed and guided for the hastening of recovery." There are now four Occupational Therapy Shops: No. 1 located on the fourth floor of Annex I; Shop No. 2 is in the basement of Annex II, Shop No. 3 is located at the "old" hospital and Shop No. 4 at Annex IV.

The first three shops are open to all ambulatory patients. A welcome invitation to visit these shops is extended to all patients at Brooke. Though Occupational Therapy is prescribed in cases by the patient's medical or ward officer, particularly for wounded or injured patients, the shops are open for the use of all Brooke's patients.

In the case where Occupational Therapy is prescribed, the method is simple. Each patient assigned to Occupational Therapy has a prescription stating just what he needs to gain from work in the O. T. Shop—what muscles, nerves or joints need strengthening or limbering. Captain Earl

R. Haight, in charge of Occupational Therapy at all the shops or his assistant, Lt. Ruth Butler, Occupational Therapist assigns to the patient the type of work which appeals to him and adapts it to his physical need, carefully recording the progress of the patient. Bed patients benefit also, by work prescribed to their limited needs. In the latter category fall the making of rugs on frames easily handled, as shown in the photograph above; plastic bracelets, string belts and leather items.

For diversion while convalescing in bed, Radio Kits are supplied on request. These kits contain everything needed with which to construct a small radio. When finished it is in use for a period by the patient, disassembled by him and thus made ready for another patient's use.

A light and bell system is another diversion provided for the bed patient.

Work in the shop incorporates plastic work; wood work and carving; looming of rugs, table runners, dish towels, scarfs, etc.; leather work; printing, etc. Recently added under the Occupational Therapy Program is the arts and skills section, in which ceramics, caricatures, portrait studies,

illustrating and commercial art, fishing fly tying and other arts are taught by competent instructors.

The value of Occupational Therapy lies in the fact the patient's attention is distracted from his own worried state with his mind centered on his work rather than on his wounds and injuries, providing emotional and physical outlets.

All instructions and material for loom work, belts, bracelets, leather, wood and plastic are without charge and on completion of the article, it becomes the patient's own to send home if he so desires.

JUNIOR LEAGUE SPONSORS PARTY AT TOBIN HILL

By Evalyn Turner, Staff Recreation Worker

Patients from the "new" hospital area greatly enjoyed the party given by the Junior League on the evening of August 19. The setting of the party was the lovely lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tobin on Terrell Road. The patients enjoyed their swim in the double swimming pool made of natural stone and rock. The lights on the fountain added to the beauty of the setting.

Three strolling minstrels in Mexican costumes and a very good magician added to the evening's pleasures. As usual the refreshments of punch and a variety of pastries were very well received.

The pinata was a very real novelty. If you don't know what a pinata is (your writer didn't), it is a big vase filled with gifts and prizes which is hung from a tree. This must be broken by a person who is blindfolded and armed with a stick. The third patient who tried to hit it was successful and the gifts of cigarettes, candy, and other articles fell to the ground.

All in all, it was a pleasant evening, so we'll be waiting for other parties like this one.

ELEVEN PURPLE HEART MEN GUESTS AT LUNCHEON

Eleven Purple Heart men of the Reconditioning Unit were honor guests of the Electric and Gas Appliance Association of San Antonio at a luncheon on August 28th at the St. Anthony Hotel.

The eleven Purple Heart men from Brooke who attended were: Sgt. Lee Holden, Infantry, of Aransas Pass, Texas, who received shrapnel wounds in his arms and chest; T/5 Branham Middleton, Infantry, of Lexington, Kentucky, bullet wounds in his left hand; Pvt. Frank Rybinski, Amphibious Engineers, of Leavenworth, Kansas, wounded by shrapnel; S/Sgt. Dennie Smith,

Infantry, of San Augustin, Texas, shrapnel wounds in left knee; Pvt. Ramie Trahan, Infantry, of Mermentau, Louisiana, shrapnel wounds in left elbow and stomach; Pvt. J. T. Freeman, Infantry, of Stratford, Oklahoma, shrapnel wounds in right side, chest, left and right side of arm, right eye and right hand; Pvt. Ben. L. Ferguson, Infantry, of San Antonio, Texas, shrapnel wounds in head and shoulder; Pvt. Phillip Blake, Infantry, of Showhegan, Maine, bullet wounds in arm and shoulder; Pfc. Lucian McMillon, Engineers, of Sweetwater, Texas, wounded by mortar shell in right shoulder and right lung; Sgt. John Boone, Infantry, of Ada, Oklahoma, machine gun bullets in left chest; and Pvt. Stanley J. Martin, Infantry, of Glennrose, Texas, wounded by shrapnel in his back and lung.

Sergeant Joey Gottlieb, of the Special Service Office at the unit, accompanied the men in order to introduce them to Mr. Charles A. Lorenz, who was in charge of the luncheon.

A brief history of the Purple Heart was read and one of the decorations was on exhibition so that all might view it.

DRAMATIC SERIES ON BLUE NETWORK TO BE BASED ON SCRIPTS SUBMITTED IN THE SECOND PLAYWRITING CONTEST

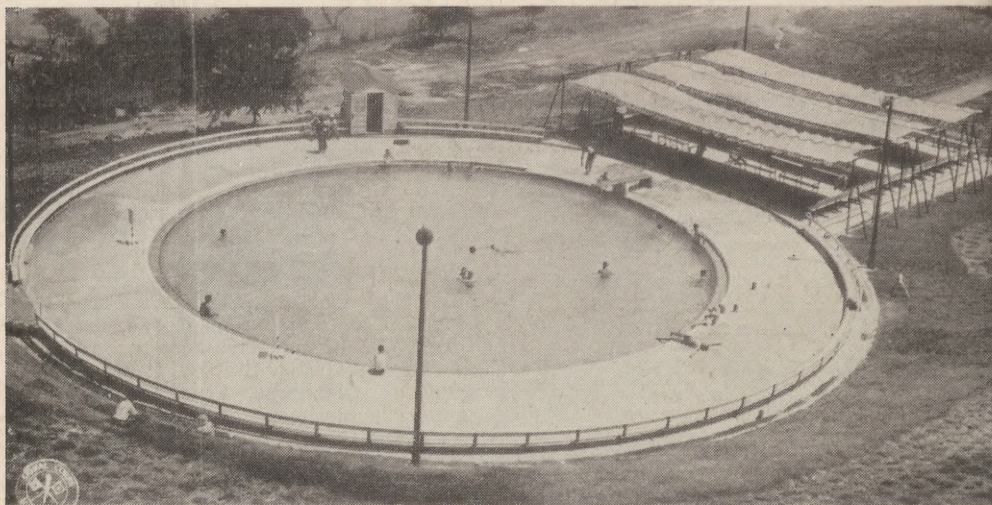
Believing that out of the Second Playwriting Contest for Men and Women in the Armed Forces will come a number of dramatic scripts worthy of radio presentation, the Blue Network has announced a new dramatic series to be inaugurated during the latter part of this year as a once-a-week program.

Dramatizations used on the series will be selected by the Blue Network from manuscripts submitted in the National Theater Conference's competitions. Manuscripts which do not receive National Theater Conference prizes, as well as those to which such prizes are awarded, will be considered for use on the Blue Network series. Production of a manuscript by the Network in no way influences its competitive chances for the regular Contest awards. Air credits will be given the writers of material used on the series.

The Second Playwriting Contest is being conducted by the National Theater Conference—with prizes for the winning manuscripts totaling \$1500.

All manuscripts should be submitted to, and copies of rules governing the Theater Conference's Playwriting Contest may be secured from: Second Playwriting Contest, National Theater Conference, Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio.

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VIEW OF THE NEW SWIMMING POOL located to the South of Annex I, taken from the roof of Annex I. The pool was completed this past spring, constructed for use of Brooke's patients as well as its military personnel, families, and guests.

DRAMATIC RADIO SERIES . . .

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For further details and information on this Second Playwriting Contest, contact your Special Service Officer by calling 3041 or see him at his office in the basement of the main building of the "new" hospital—room number B-55.

MORE B. G. H. CIVILIAN WORKERS AWARDED SERVICE RIBBONS

The following civilians were awarded the six-month service ribbon and certificate effective 31 August 1944, for six months or more faithful service with the government:

Juan Abrego, Harry A. Albrecht, James W. Anderson, Mae H. Aronson, Catarino E. Barratachea, Geneva M. Barrow, Eileen Beckerman, Mary R. Boozikee, Mary L. Bravo, Maybelle I. Brooks, Ragna F. Bryant, Thomas T. Champion, Virginia E. Chapman, Ray R. Chinn, Xelma L. Cody,

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Others also receiving the award were: Celia Lazarin, Marie F. Lehman, Edna M. Linton, Fannie E. Lott, Dorothy I. McGuffin, Anie F. Machado, Madeline A. Miller, Anne Niederman, Luvonia Norwood, Virginia Ramos, Elizabeth L. Reich, Paula Reynolds, Eddie Riojas, Dorothy L. Rippl, Arthur E. Riske, George Roberson, Manuel P. Rocha, William R. Rogers, William L. Russell, Evelyn M. Schneider, Margaret L. Schneider, Lena M. Tallabas, Henry Taylor, Macedonio Tover, Jr., Irma Treas, Kathleen R. Trenton, Faye M. Tullos, Yldefonso S. Vasquez, Langston Walker, Jessie G. Winkworth, Julia M. Word, and Charlotte Wright.

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